



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When is the next Stoat Trappers' Ball?

A. On Saturday, 29th October, 2011, starting at 7.30pm

Q. Where will it be held this year?

A. At the beautiful Wainuiomata Golf Course club rooms on the banks of the Wainuiomata River (about a kilometre or so down the Coast Road at Wainuiomata.)

Q. What time should I get there?

A. Roll up any time after 7.30pm. The Band will play until around 11.30pm. Supper will be at around 9.00pm and it will all be over by midnight.

Q. What exactly IS the Stoat Trappers' Ball?

A. It is a hilarious fund-raising event for the **Rimutaka Forest Park Trust** which helps them to fund their stoat and rat trapping programme to protect their growing population of North Island Brown Kiwi (and other native birds/wildlife) in the Rimutaka Forest Park, near Wellington, New Zealand.

There's a fabulous live band (The Jimmies) and a tasty supper, plenty of dancing and fine music, lots of prizes to be won, plus an auction of highly desirable "goodies".

Q. Will it be fun?

A. Too right!! In fact it's guaranteed to be more fun than having a ferret up your trouser leg!

Q. What is the Dress Code?

A. Just about anything goes, but there will be prizes for the most imaginative or wacky outfits. Our dress code is best described as "Feral to Formal" – or "Bush to Glam...!"

Q. Do I have to wear a black tie?

A. Only if you think it goes well with your pink gumboots or knickerbockers...

Q. How much do the tickets cost?

A. Only \$30 for adults and \$20 for school-age children. (5 – 16) There is no charge for children under 5

Q. What is included in the price of the ticket?

A. Ticket prices cover Ball Entry, Supper, and as much fun as you can eat. Drinks (other than water, tea and coffee) are extra, but at "Club Prices"

Q. Will there be a lucky door prize?

A. Yes, all tickets are individually numbered and some lucky person will probably win a door...

Q. Will there be door sales of tickets?

A. Only if it's not entirely sold out beforehand!
(So don't count on it.)

Q. Is there a website for the Stoat Trappers' Ball?

A. Sure is! Here's the link:

<https://sites.google.com/site/stoattrappersball/>

Q. What about the Band?

A. The Jimmies have been at the core of Wellington's Celtic music scene for more than twenty years now. They are a sensationally versatile group of talented musicians, who will "rock your socks off" with a combination of Ceilidh dances, interspersed with some good old traditional songs/ dances and then a strong dose of classic rock for those who want to "boogie". Truly something for everyone!

Q. What's a stoat and why do people trap them?

A. Stoats are pesky little critters that greatly endanger our native birds and other wildlife. They are deadly predators of baby kiwi chicks and other small birds and their eggs.

At a glance:

Date: Saturday, 29th October, 2011

Time: 7.30pm to Midnight

Venue: Wainuiomata Golf Club, Coast Road, Wainuiomata

Ticket Prices: \$30 (Adults) \$20 (Kids 5 – 16yo) Children under 5 free

Tickets Available From:

Hutt City i-SITE
Upper Hutt i-SITE
DOC Visitor Centre (Wellington)
Wainuiomata Book & Gift Shop

Q. Where can I buy tickets?

A. **In Wellington:** At the DOC Visitor Centre, 18 Manners Street, Wellington, Tel: (04) 384 7770

In Lower Hutt: At the i-SITE Visitor Centre, the Pavilion, 25 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, Tel: (04) 560 4715

In Upper Hutt: At the Upper Hutt i-SITE Visitor Centre, CBD Tower, 90 Main Road, Upper Hutt, Tel: (04) 527 2141

In Wainuiomata: At the Wainuiomata Book and Gift Shop, 11 Queen Street, Wainuiomata, Tel: (04) 564 5988

Q. Can I pay by credit card or EFTPOS?

A. Only if you purchase your tickets from the Lower Hutt i-SITE or Wainuiomata Book & Gift Shop. All other ticket resellers are strictly cash only, but are conveniently located near ATMs if needed.

Q. Who can I contact for more information?

A. Margaret Willard (04) 973 1378 or Peter Cooper (04) 970 6862 or Nikki Wynne (04) 564 5988

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